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Deputy Duncan Smith,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 15348/21 - "To ask the Minister for Health if volunteers carrying out duties for an organisation (details supplied) are required to be vetted for Garda clearance prior to taking up their volunteering role".**

**-Duncan Smith**

**Details Supplied: Meals on Wheels"**

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Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

When volunteers are engaged directly by the HSE, we apply HR Circular 021/2020: Guidelines on the Engagement and Management of Volunteers during Covid-19 available at:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/hr-circulars/hr-circular-021-2020-guidelines-on-volunteers.pdf>

Guideline Covid19: Engaging and Managing Volunteers in the HSE available at:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/hr-circulars/guidelines-on-engaging-and-managing-volunteers-covid-19.pdf>

In relation to third parties, HSE Human Resources are not involved in their contracts.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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**Jacqueline Nix**

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